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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 May 2004.
2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) 1-19, 21 and 22 is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) 20 is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____.

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for reducing the activity of a neutotensin receptor, does not reasonably provide enablement for the treatment of schizophrenia, Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. The specification fails to provide any evidence that the claimed method is effective in treating schizophrenia, Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease. Due to the highly unpredictable nature of treating said diseases and many different underlying causes of said diseases, there is a good reason to doubt the effectiveness of the claimed method in treating said diseases

Applicant's arguments filed May 20, 2004 have been considered but have not been found persuasive.

The art submitted by applicant has been considered but has not been found Antonelli et al disclose on page 766 that "selective neurotensin antagonists in combination with conventional drugs treatments could provide a novel therapeutic approach for the treatment of neurodegenerative disorders, such as Parkinson's disease". The Antonelli et al article fails to show that selective antagonists alone are effective in treating Parkinson's disease. Binder et al disclose in the abstract that "Clinical studies in which cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) NT concentrations have been measured revealed a subset of schizophrenic patients with decreased CSF NT concentrations that are restored by effective antipsychotic drug treatment". It is clear from said article that not all schizophrenic patients have decreased CSF NT

concentrations and therefore would not be helped by administration of an inhibitor of human neuropeptid receptor proteins expressed in HEK cell membranes. Further, none of the art submitted provides any data showing the effectiveness of a compound that inhibits human neuropeptid receptor proteins expressed in Human Embryonic Kidney (HEK) cell membranes for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elli Peselev whose telephone number is (571) 272-0659. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Wilson can be reached on (571) 272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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